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MEMORANDUM FOR: Inspector General

FROM : [REDACTED]  
Acting Director of Security

VIA : Acting Deputy Director for Administration

SUBJECT : Inspector General's Survey of the  
Office of Security - December 1976

REFERENCE : Memo from D/Sec dated 17 December 1976,  
subject: Office of Security Survey  
Report (Draft)

1. The final revised report of the Inspector General's survey of the Office of Security has been reviewed. Consistent with our earlier comments in reference, we find the overall report to be objective and sincere.

2. The final report and especially two of the recommendations, however, continue to distress us. In submitting the report to the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence, we would like you to call attention to our concerns in this regard:

a. Implementation of the recommendation in paragraph 8b that we institute an aggressive two-year program of file purging is not possible without the assignment of additional resources, unless we divert personnel now performing duties basic to our overall security program. To accomplish the file purging task in a two-year time frame would require thirteen new positions. Diversion of manpower currently assigned within the Office would evoke an intolerable disruption of our basic activities. For this reason, as

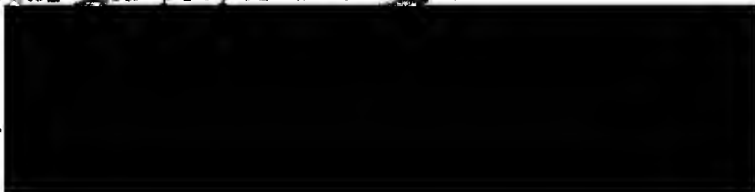
iterated in reference, we would prefer to approach the task in a more moderate manner over a longer period of time.

b. The recommendation in paragraph 9 that we terminate the practice of providing information to other agencies as part of the National Agency Check program on named Americans who are not the subjects of our investigations would result not only in the establishment of unnecessary and burdensome administrative procedures but also would establish a practice inconsistent with that of other Government agencies. As noted in your report, the Office of General Counsel has ruled that the exchange of such information is legal. We must emphasize that it has been a valuable investigative function of the overall U. S. Government personnel security program.



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3. We are in complete agreement with the balance of your recommendations other than those discussed in the above paragraph. We also feel that the report of your survey in general represents a good product of a conscientious team of inspectors who perceived the emphasis that the Director of Security has placed on insuring that all of our activities are conducted in a legal and proper manner.



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